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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organizations

FROM: Steve Smith, Manager, Long-Range Transportation Planning Section

INDOT Division of Environment, Planning and Engineering

DATE: November 9, 2004

RE: 2004 Update of INDOT Long-Range Transportation Plan

We are reaching the final phases of our 2004 plan update extending the planning horizon outward from 2025 to 2030 for the INDOT Long-Range Transportation Plan. This process started in April with a request for a review of the existing INDOT Plan (as adopted November of 2003) and was followed by a series of plan development consultation meetings held in May and June with each MPO to review issues relating to the plan update. This information has been documented in our 2004 Plan Update web page located at: http://www.in.gov/dot/pubs/longrange/update.html. The information resulting from these meetings was incorporated into the 2004 Plan Update presentations made at each of our six District "Open-House" meetings in August. Following the community input provided at our District meetings, we have reviewed the recommended plan revisions and made adjustments to projects and project phasing to provide an overall 2004 to 2030 program broken into five implementation phases. At this time, we need your review of these proposed projects to coordinate any changes in your respective metropolitan planning areas especially as they would relate to air quality conformity analysis

To facilitate this process, I am asking that you review the projects currently listed in the INDOT 2004 plan update relative to MPO transportation plans and your air quality conformity analysis networks. In our projects listings, we are showing a ready for contracts date. We realize for air quality conformity the "open to traffic" date provides the key for the placement of the improvement in the network analysis process. However, we do not have this information and will need to work with you relative to developing "open to traffic" assumptions which will meet the need for air quality conformity.

Please review the 2004 Plan project listings and provide comments. We will be scheduling review meetings with each of the non-attainment MPOs to review these comments and resolve any issues. If we can provide additional information, please contact your long-range transportation planning section MPO liaison or contact me at: (317) 232-5646, or: ssmith@indot.state.in.us.